IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,)
Plaintiff,)
V.) Case No. 4:05-cv-4125-JPC
NANCY E. RATH HUNTER, et al.,)
Defendants.)

ORDER REGARDING DISCOVERY

In the interest of reducing delay and expense, it is **ORDERED** that discovery disputes that cannot be resolved through informal means pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37 shall be handled in the following manner:

The party with the discovery dispute shall contact Robin Butler, Judge Wilkerson's courtroom deputy, at 618-482-9376, to schedule a telephonic conference call with the Court and opposing counsel. If the dispute involves written discovery, the disputed portion(s) shall be faxed to the Court, at 618-482-9277, prior to the telephonic conference. The party with the discovery dispute shall be responsible for initiating the conference call. The Court's teleconference number is 618-482-9004. Written motions to compel or legal memoranda will <u>not</u> be accepted unless specifically requested by the Court. Expense of the call will be borne by the non-prevailing party. The parties are directed to this court's webpage, http://www.ilsd.uscourts.gov/Judges/wilkersonpretrial.html, for additional information and specific procedures regarding discovery disputes. Consult this Court's webpage BEFORE contacting chambers with questions.

DATED: October 31, 2006

s/ Donald G. Wilkerson

DONALD G. WILKERSON
United States Magistrate Judge